

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PAYTON AT HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to the distinguished career of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Payton, who will be retiring this year from his position as the 5th president of Tuskegee University, a position he has held for the past 29 years.

It goes without saying that Dr. Payton has led a highly successful career serving the students, faculty and community of Tuskegee University. As President, his many accomplishments at the University will certainly be remembered long after his departure. Among his many milestones include the launching of Tuskegee University's first Ph.D. programs in Materials Science and Engineering and Integrated Biosciences; his involvement in the reconstruction and renovation of the entire campus; and his success in leading and exceeding a \$150 million Capital Campaign. Dr. Payton's work at Tuskegee University, coupled with his previous accomplishments, has earned him many honors and awards including First Place winner of the Harvard Billings Prize, 1957; South Carolinian of the Year, 1972; an appointment by President Ronald Reagan to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; and under President George W. Bush, he was appointed to lead the Task Force on Agricultural and Economic Development to Zaire.

All of us across Macon County and East Alabama have been touched by the visionary leadership of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Payton. He will be missed in the community and at the University he has led for so long. On behalf of us all, I congratulate him for his distinguished service.

KENNETH BANKS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Kenneth Banks for his outstanding business success, community involvement, and impact on Maryland's economic growth and prosperity.

Mr. Banks graduated from Adelphi University in 1974; Mr. Banks has been in the construction field since 1975. He was a foreman and project manager for a contractor before launching his own firm in 1980. Mr. Banks' high standard of excellence, emphasis on professional expertise, and dependability has had a powerful impact on the community. He has worked with numerous community organizations including the American Heart Association, where he chaired the 25th Anniversary Heart Ball.

Mr. Banks is a member of the Greater Baltimore Executive Committee and serves as a member of the Board on the Chesapeake Crescent Commission, chaired by the Gov-

ernors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the board of the Maryland Affordable Housing Trust and the United Way of Central Maryland. He is a past member of the Board of Trustees at Adelphi University, his alma mater, and is an Executive-in-Residence at Morgan State University's Earl G. Graves School of Business and Management Honors Program.

In 2009, Mr. Banks won several awards for business results and community focus including The Greater Baltimore Committee Mayor's Business Recognition Award, the Award of Excellence given by Associated Builders and Contractors, the Professional Achievement and Community Service Award by the Baltimore City Community College Foundation, the Entrepreneur Award by the Black Engineer of the Year Global Competitiveness Conference, and the Future 50 Award by SmartCEO Publishing.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Kenneth Banks for his outstanding work and community involvement. Through his visionary leadership and stellar business principals, Baltimore continues to grow and flourish.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SAM HOUSTON

SPEECH OF

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2010

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1103, honoring the anniversary of the birth of a great Texan, Sam Houston. Due to a conflict I was unable to cast my vote in support of this bill yesterday.

Sam Houston was a larger than life character who left a lasting impact on the history of Texas. Already an established statesman—as first a member of this body and Governor of the state of Tennessee—Sam Houston's leadership was essential in Texas gaining independence from Mexico and later in achieving statehood. Sam Houston led the Texas Revolutionary forces in the Texas War of Independence and was instrumental in achieving victory over at the Battle of San Jacinto.

The only person to have been the governor of two different states, Sam Houston also was an inaugural Senator from Texas.

I have long been impressed with Sam Houston. In my office, I proudly display two portraits of Houston.

Sam Houston's legacy is important to the people of Texas' Eighth congressional district. A much larger than life statue of Sam Houston greets all who come to Huntsville—the east Texas town where Sam Houston spent his golden years and where his name lives on at Sam Houston State University. At 67 feet tall and 25 tons, the steel and concrete statue aptly named “A Tribute to Courage” is a testament to how the Huntsville community continues to cherish Sam Houston.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to celebrate the life of Sam Houston. For all his accomplishments, the people of the great state of Texas remain forever in his debt and will continue to honor his memory and public service on this anniversary of his birth.

HONORING KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, POLICE CHIEF SAMUEL F. BRESHEARS

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, Kansas City, Kansas, Chief of Police Samuel F. Breshears was honored as Kansas' recipient of the prestigious 2010 Clarence M. Kelley Meritorious Service Award at the spring conference of the Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Association in Wichita, Kansas, on Friday, April 9th, 2010.

Chief Breshears' dedication to the law enforcement profession, and to the men and women who make up the heart and soul of the calling of law enforcement, is reflected in his commitment to seeking the best possible training for them. Throughout his career he has taken great interest in making it possible for officers get the best contemporary training, acknowledging that training and policy development are practical tools in fighting crime. He has also continued the organizational philosophy of community policing and recognizes that aggressive law enforcement must remain sensitive to the needs of the community. This philosophy is a benchmark to his core police officer values of establishing and maintaining competent, dedicated and exemplary law enforcement officers.

Since 1999, Chief Breshears has served with distinction on the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, (KSCPOST), a position he was appointed to by the Governor of the State of Kansas. This body is responsible for certifying Kansas Law Enforcement Officers. Further, Chief Breshears has shown his respect for and life-long appreciation of the law enforcement field by continuing to expand his knowledge and training in the law enforcement discipline, such as having been invited to attend and participate in the FBI-sponsored National Executive Institute.

In addition to his graduate-level academic achievements and being a graduate of the FBI National Academy in 1994, graduating in the 176th session, he has been a model of community service and volunteerism serving on numerous boards and committees throughout the years. His service record reflects his dedication to an exemplary career in law enforcement: High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program Executive Board; FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board; FBI HARCFL Executive Board; Kansas City Metro Chiefs and Sheriffs Executive Board; Emerging Threat Analysis Capability Executive Board; and Kansas Peace Officers Association/Governor at Large.

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of Chief Breshears culminate a long and distinguished career in the service of the citizens of Kansas City, Kansas, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte County, Kansas. Madam Speaker, I know that you join with all members of the House of Representatives in acknowledging his distinguished service to our community.

THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL: A LEGACY OF SERVICE

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2009–2010 Congressional Youth Advisory Council. This year 45 students from public, private, and home schools in grades 9 through 12 made their voices heard and made a difference in their communities, their country and their Congress. These students volunteered their time, effort, and talent to inform me about the important issues facing their generation. As young leaders within their communities and their schools, these students boldly represent the promise and the hope we all have for their very bright future.

President Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

To ensure that the blessing of freedom is passed from one generation to the next, the members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Like water that seeps through the cracks of our hands, history is continually being lost because it is not being written down. While interviewing Donald D. Simmons and documenting his experiences as a member of the Air Force during the Korean War, I felt that I became part of the quilt of history that is perpetually being woven. I hope by telling Don's story, I gave a veteran the full appreciation he deserved for what he had done for his country by ensuring that his story would never be forgotten. At the ripe young age of 18, Don decided to enlist in the Air Force. From 1952–1954, he spent his days on a mountaintop north of Seoul where he repaired radar systems and monitored the search radar that was operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After starting out as a private, he climbed the ranks to become a captain and received a Commendation Medal for his service in Korea. After the armistice was signed he continued college under the GI Bill at the University of Maryland where he studied electrical engineering. He is now the secretary of the Aircraft Control and Warning Group, a Korean War veterans' organization that holds annual reunions in cities

across the United States, as well as a volunteer at Methodist Richardson Medical Center.—Cindy Wang.

HONORING MERCY CENTER MINISTRIES, INC. FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a nonprofit organization that serves my district, Mercy Center Ministries, Inc.

Mercy Center Ministries has demonstrated an overwhelming amount of commitment to serving the Long Island community. My constituents rely on our nonprofits for the vital services they offer. Mercy Center Ministries' continuous acts of selfless efforts are admirable.

I am proud to honor Mercy Center Ministries, Inc. for their extraordinary work in the community.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. LUZ MARIA VILLANUEVA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mrs. Luz Maria Villanueva who lived her life with joy, grace and total dedication to her family and friends.

Mrs. Villanueva was born to a large, loving family in Puerto Rico before moving to Cleveland, Ohio. She learned the values of faith and sharing as a young child, values that stayed with her throughout her life. Mrs. Villanueva was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Jose, and also by her son, James. Mrs. Villanueva and her husband raised seven children. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a source of her strength and joy. In addition to her family, she was never far from her beloved Chihuahua, Chico.

Mrs. Villanueva was dedicated to the teachings of her Roman Catholic faith. She was always willing to offer a helping hand, a warm smile or a kind word. She moved to Florida thirty-one years ago and became active in the parish community of the Church of the Transfiguration. Mrs. Villanueva was a Eucharist Minister, a member of Damas Catolica, and taught catechism.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Luz Maria Villanueva. I offer my deep condolences to her children; Jose (Margaret) Villanueva, Fred (Ellen) Villanueva, Jennie Orama, Providencia (Santos) Roman, Angela (Winfred) Robinson and Myrna Villanueva (Edwin Montalvo); her twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her extended family and many friends. Mrs. Villanueva brought love, kindness and joy into the lives of those around her. She will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF DAVID JOHN MCKELVEY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Youngstown—Calling hours for David John McKelvey, 58, will be held at St. Edward Church (240 Tod Lane) from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at St. Edward Church at 11 a.m. Additional calling hours will be held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., prior to the service.

David was born on March 23, 1952, in Youngstown, the son of William B. McKelvey and Sallie Turner McKelvey. David was a lifelong member of the community.

David was a member of St. Edward Church and attended Ursuline and The Rayen School. After graduation, David joined the Peace Corps and later attended Youngstown State University. He worked in real estate and business development for the majority of his life.

He was married in 1985 to Meg Mitchell of Youngstown.

He is survived by his children, Jonathan (22), Catherine (18), and Connor (11). David is also survived by his mother, Sallie T. McKelvey; his siblings, Letitia McKelvey, Lucius McKelvey (Terrie), Walter McKelvey (Carol), William McKelvey (Sarah), former Mayor George McKelvey (Sherry), Sally McKelvey Bulger (David) and Anne McKelvey; and many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his father, William B. McKelvey.

David was passionate about his faith, family, friends, fishing and traveling. David was an avid volunteer. His favorite charitable cause was serving holiday meals at the Rescue Mission. It gave him great joy to see his children participate in this charitable work.

David was held in high esteem by his many friends, earning respect by his character strengths of integrity, reliability and loyalty. David will be sadly missed and remembered fondly in the hearts of the lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that your generosity be best expressed by a donation to the Gleaner's Food Bank, 94 Pyatt St., Youngstown, OH 44502.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the McCauley Funeral Home on Broadway Ave. in Youngstown.

IN HONOR OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE ELITE NEWS NATIONAL RELIGIOUS HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of the Elite News National Religious Hall of Fame Museum on Thursday, April 29, 2010.

First launched in 2000 by Mr. William Blair, Jr., the National Religious Hall of Fame Museum seeks to celebrate, encourage, and showcase the positive impact of ministers in our local community. The inductees are individuals that have been active in ministry for at